GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:99
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2000
SUPPLY OF POWER TO FARMERS BY SEBS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of State Electricity Boards which are running at a loss due to the subsidized supply of power to farmers;

(b) the extent of which this loss due to subsidy has been compensated by the Union Government; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c): A statement showing the commercial losses SEBs wise is given in Annexure enclosed. However, there are a number of reasons behind the losses such as high T&D losses, theft of power, inadequate tariff and poor efficiency in collection besides low rate for agriculture supply.
The Govt. of India have enacted the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, 1998 which enables the State Govts. to constitute State Electricity Regulatory Commissions. While determining the tariff, the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions are to be guided by the principles that the tariff progressively reflect the cost of supply of electricity at an adequate and improving level of efficiency. If a State Govt. requires grant of subsidy to any consumer or class of consumer in the tariff determined by the State Commission, the State Govt. would need to give an explicit subsidy from the budget. So far fourteen states have notified/constituted State Electricity Regulatory Commissions.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE REPLY TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.99 ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.11.2000 REGARDING SUPPLY OF POWER TO FARMERS BY SEBs.

COMMERCIAL PROFIT/LOSS OF SEBS (without subsidy) (Rs. crore)

SEBs	1992-93 Actual	1993-94 Actual	1994-95 Actual	1995-96 Actual	1996-97 Actual	1997-98 Provi.	1998-99 (RE)	1999-2000 (AP)
1. Andhra Pradesh	-4	-23	-981	-1255	-939	-1376	-2263	-2703
2. Assam	-205	-197	-255	-261	-225	-411	-306	-336
3. Bihar	-280	-190	-189	-211	-442	-496	-514	-548
4. Delhi (DVB)	-207	-	0	-578	-626	-760	-961	-794
5. Gujarat	-519	-493	-550	-1003	-1069	-1274	-1440	-1498
6. Haryana	-404	-507	-468	-554	-625	-765	-532	-502
7 Himachal Pradesh	2	-51	19	11	17	10	-33	-4
8. J&K	-225	-293	-347	-363	-507	-662	-643	-347
9. Karnataka	-19	-2	-164	-502	-652	-331	-604	-365
10 Kerala	-65	-75	-129	-183	-208	-199	-162	-451
11 Madhya Pradesh	-493	-377	-594	-602	-464	-941	-1288	-1966
12 Maharashtra	162	189	276	-408	-92	-11	115	214
13 Meghalaya	-8	-3	-21	-20	158	286	105	204
14 Orissa	-85	-196	-136	-231	-344	-287	-405	-186

15 Punjab -626 -693 -681 -644 -606 -979 -1381 -1223
16 Rajasthan -260 -415 -412 -430 -269 -386 -577 -882
17 Tamil Nadu -258 -302 -2 -77 -257 -318 -885 -709
18 Uttar Pradesh -808 -1202 -1152 -1136 -1821 -1853 -1991 -2142
19 West Bengal -258 -231 -339 -332 -387 -492 -692 -675

Total -4560 -5060 -6125 -8770 -9357 -11246 -14458 -14913